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It has come to my attention that there is a possibility of an increase in the VHF license fee from \$35 to \$110. As the Squadron Education Officer for the Flint Power Squadron of USPS this deeply concerns me. Having taught many classes to the boating public I have always stressed the absolute necessity of having a VHF radio on board their boats. You may or may not know that a very large number of boaters are currently on the water with NO radio. A radio is a major expense for some people, however I stress to boaters that an expense of \$100 to \$200 for a radio and \$35 for the license is cheap life insurance. A radio is a boaters life line to shore or other craft should disaster occur. With the increase in the license fee as proposed it will be even more difficult to convince the public to purchase a radio. It should be obvious this is a poor use of judgement by our government as our own Coast Guard is against this increase.

I am not against a "user fee" as I think we all need to pay for costs inquired by the government for processing. It also detours mass misuse of the VHF bands. It is however difficult to understand why a group of individuals must carry the burden for others. In point, "Citizen Band" users. They pay nothing for their license.

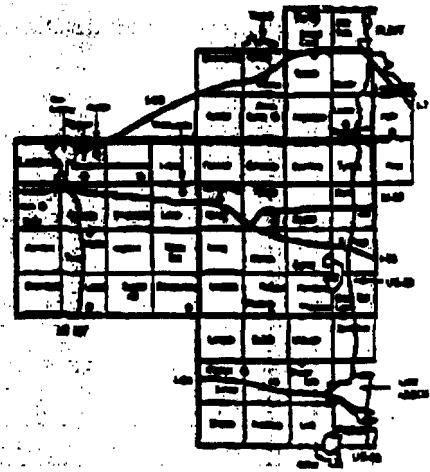
I know that all boaters would greatly appreciate your attention to this problem. When I stand in front of a class of boaters to teach, my satisfaction comes from knowing what I teach may save one of their lives or at least prevent a accident that might injure one of them! You must analyze this increase in the same manner. The one person that does not buy a radio because of the license expense, and has an accident, will be on all of our conscience.

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letter you may send
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